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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 8TH, 1906.

THE "desertion" of merchant seamen is a subject with which Hongkong is familiar by frequent instances; and it is, moreover, a subject that has for a long time received earnest consideration in almost every part of the world. There are many people, however, who are mildly surprised when they hear of a common seaman forfeiting by forty-eight hours' absence as much as three or four hundred dollars, who would be still more surprised if they knew more of the ins and outs of the matter. It may help to do British seamen a good turn if we give a few observations to make the public's flesh creep. According to a recent statement by a commander of the Royal Navy, the pay system is largely responsible for desertions. Wages are withheld from the crews for the whole round of voyages, outward and homeward, for which crews are engaged. No other class of British workmen, by land or sea, have to wait so long for their money. Imagine what would be said if a longshoreman, belonging to a Trade Union, had to wait six months or more for his wages; and if, on top of that, he were liable to lose all he had earned if he took a couple of days "off." Yet this, and far more, has to be endured by the long voyage sailor in the mercantile marine. The Naval man draws seven-eighths of his wage once a month, and the balance once a quarter. The crews consider the Jack Tar as unworthy their amiable attentions, in consequence. A Parliamentary Paper (No. 334) issued last

August by the Board of Trade makes it quite clear that there is money for somebody in "desertions." There were nearly twenty-seven thousand technical desertions in colonial and foreign ports in 1900; and it is computed that of these twenty-three thousand were cases in which wages and effects were "forfeited," without any legal formality whatever. The Merchant Shipping Act of 1894 (sections 221, 232) stipulates that such forfeitures shall be made by a Court, and after reimbursing the owner any expenses caused by the "desertion," the balance of wages forfeited, if any, shall be paid into the Exchequer. It appears to be the fact that "for many years" the Exchequer has never received a shilling in that way. Who got the money? The Departmental Committee of the Board of Trade, which issued the report, discovered that "the practice is for the master to retain both wages and effects of deserters;" and, more extraordinary still, that "the Board of Trade have no power to compel the master or owner to hand over the wages and property of deserters, or to prosecute seamen for desertion." They further agreed that "there is no doubt that a serious number of desertions from British ships take place every year, and the wages left behind by the deserters must amount in the aggregate to a considerable sum." Suspicion is bound to arise then; and an official statement made by the Consul at Portland, Oregon, in 1898, will be less shocking now than it might otherwise sound. He said, "In some instances the men are harshly treated and made uncomfortable; but in such a way that the officers do not render themselves amenable to law. This naturally leads to desertions." The Vice-Consul at Rio de Janeiro roundly declares that the primary cause of desertions is "a desire on the part of shipmasters to get rid of their crews, in order to profit by the confiscation of their wages." The Consul at Rosario says "things are made very disagreeable on board for the men, with a view to driving them on shore, to avoid paying the wages to which they would become entitled during the enforced illness of the ship... Desertions at this port, with few, if any, exceptions, represent a good profit to the master." The Consul-General at Valparaiso, calling attention, in 1898, to the cause of seamen who are left behind at foreign ports and merely "reported as deserted," wrote:—"The master in such cases appropriates the wages of the men so left behind. In most cases when a British seaman arrives at this port, she has been nearly 100 days at sea, and she remains in port from one to three months. The amount of wages due to each seaman reported as missing is, as a rule, considerable—sometimes over £30. It is the regular practice for some masters to harass, irritate, and abuse their seamen that they desert. The master thus avoids paying the seaman's hard-earned wages." There are more opinions like those on record, but we have given enough. There are various suggestions for reform, the chief being an amendment making it compulsory for shipmasters to hand over the wages due to the Consul, for transmission to the Exchequer; and so "to remove from shipmasters all incentives to desert men to desert." The question of loss to the shipowner by such desertions (apart from the men's wages altogether) scarcely arises. The expenses caused by "desertion" should not be greater than the expenses caused by disease; they are offset by the saving in wages and food, and there are no funeral expenses to pay. It is maintained, however, that in the majority of cases these expenses exceed the value of wages and property forfeited. That is, at all events, an admission that there is a minority in which the forfeitures are greater; and as we have shown, the Exchequer has never benefited by any of these minority cases. The Report recommends that the master or owner should render an account when the forfeiture exceeds £5. This limitation is far from satisfactory. A sum like £5 is sufficient to tempt to induce desertions, when such desertions effect savings in other ways that compensate for expenses. It is remarkable that the longer the voyage, and therefore the greater the accumulation of unpaid wages in his employer's keeping, the more likely the sailor is to absent himself from the ship without leave for the forty-eight hours necessary to constitute "desertion." The United States Commissioner of Navigation, in his annual official report, dated 17th October, 1903, states, pp. 30-33, of *Desertion from Foreign Ships at San Francisco*, that:—

1. "Desertions from French ships amount to 6 per cent. of the crews. French masters

and owners have the strongest pecuniary inducement to prevent desertions.

2. "Desertions from British ships from Australia and Asia amount to 27 per cent. of the crews. British masters and owners have little to gain or lose from such desertions.

3. "Desertions from British ships from Europe" (about twice or three times the length of the voyage from Asia) "amount to 43 per cent. of the crews. British masters and owners under ordinary conditions profit by such desertions, as in some cases from Australia."

But the accounts recommended to be rendered can never be satisfactory, as they cannot be checked, and an unchecked account is valueless. It is to be hoped that power will be taken to deal with desertion forfeitures as the effects of deceased seamen are dealt with. Then there would be fewer desertions, and the popularity of the British mercantile marine would become what it ought to be.

Today the members of the Y.M.C.A. begin a week of continual prayer.

Mr. C. H. Ross has been appointed a lieutenant of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

The *S.S. Soudan*, which arrived on Saturday, brought four warrant officers and two non-coms. for duty.

H.E. the Governor has granted local rank of captain to Lieutenant C.H. Coleman, of the 5th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers.

The Gazette notifies owners and occupiers of tenements that rates for the first quarter of 1906 are payable in advance on or before January 31.

An election by the ratepayers of two members to the Sanitary Board will take place at the City Hall on Monday, 22nd January, at four o'clock.

The several half companies of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps will next Saturday afternoon compete with 15 Pr. B. L. for the cup presented by Captain Saunders.

The total amount received at the Treasury between January 1 and October 31 is \$28,858,697.71, while the payments out for the same period amounted to \$31,707,122.48.

The Royal Sanitary Institute programme for this week is as follows:—Monday, Arithmetic Class, 8.30 p.m.; Tuesday, Lecture by Hon. Dr. Clark, subject: "The Public Health and Buildings Ordinances;" Friday, continuation of lecture by Hon. Dr. Clark on "The Public Health and Buildings Ordinances." The lectures begin at 9 p.m.

From Month to Month, the organ of the Hongkong Church Missionary Association, quotes a remark that "whether it be a Boxer rising in China or a mutiny in India, the failures of our diplomatists generally hide themselves behind the 'indiscreet zeal' of the missionaries." So, it is the diplomats who work all the mischief.

The programme of music to be performed by the Band of the 119th Infantry to-day (Monday), on the new Parade Ground, from 4 to 5.31 p.m., is as follows:—March, "Sons of the Brave," Biggood; Overture, "Flotte Baroque" Supp; Waltz, "Estadientina" Waldteufel; Selection, "The Orchid," Monckton; Dance, "The Japanese Dance," Thomas; Two-step, "Mumbin Moss," Thurban.

Referring to the large compensation claim in connection with the Suez Canal detention, the *Egyptian Gazette* says:—"It is interesting to note that, owing to the obstruction, the traffic receipts of the company for October show an appreciable diminution on the same month in 1904 and 1903, reducing the surplus acquired at the end of September by over a million-and-a-quarter francs. Three hundred and three vessels passed through the canal in October this year as compared with 380 in the corresponding month 1904, and 336 in October 1903, the receipts being \$9,900,000fr., 10,270,000fr., and 9,440,000fr. respectively."

A London paper says:—"It is stated that we shall soon be buying our fresh eggs from China. The idea comes from Mr. Poole of Messrs. C. Poole, Lander and Co. His business is that of importing furs, and he was in the Far East collecting them when the Russian war broke out. He was one of the last Englishmen to escape from Port Arthur before the siege, and he brought with him a consignment of Chinese eggs. The firm sent to China for another consignment, and found the experiment a great success. The firm shipped 20 barrels of these eggs, 126 dozen in each barrel, last March. They are preserved by a secret process, which keeps them good for at least twelve months."

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Banks.	Average amount	Specie in Reserve
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	3,418,017	2,300,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	15,458,266	10,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited	63,410	49,000
Total	318,940,233	12,349,000

The extract of meteorological observations made at the observatory during December shows the minimum temperature to have been 62.1, and the maximum 69.6. The total rainfall was 2.370.

The Fire Brigade were summoned at 3.30 on Saturday morning to a fire which had broken out in a three-storied building in Wing Sing Street, occupied as a Chinese and Japanese store. The Brigade, under Chief Inspector Baker, found that the flames had obtained a good hold, but after half an hour's work they succeeded in getting them under control and ultimately extinguished. One of the floors fell in, but the ground floor and roof suffered little damage. It is thought that the bursting of a hanging lamp was responsible for the outbreak. The loss, which was not considerable, is covered by insurance, the premises being insured for \$13,000 in three offices.

The following is a list of authorized architects under Section 7 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903:—Messrs. A. Abdolrahim, H. W. Bird, Guy Blood, J. E. Boulton, A. Bryer, W. Clatham, W. Dunsy, A. Denison, H. G. C. Fisher, C. H. Gale, L. Gibbs, A. E. Griffiths, B. B. Harker, E. M. Haselund, A. H. Hewitt, A. H. Hollingsworth, A. S. Hooper, P. N. H. Jones, W. P. Lambert, J. E. Lee, John Lemm, J. C. Lowe, D. Macdonald, J. McHugh, J. Orange, A. H. Ough, T. L. Perkins, S. J. Powell, E. A. Ram, A. R. F. Raven, C. H. Row, L. A. Rose, A. P. Samy, G. J. B. Sayer, C. B. Thomas, H. P. Tooker, A. Turner, C. Warren, W. L. P. Wasson, Wong Kat Son and Wong A. Cheong.

At the Y.M.C.A. yesterday afternoon Mr. F. P. S. Brockman, B.A., head of the Association in the Far East, lectured on "The City of the Future." The room was packed, and the eloquent lecturer held the attention of his hearers while he delivered his opinion of the New Jerusalem. He spoke of the slums of Shanghai, Tientsin and Hongkong, and said that in time to come they would be made so clean that righteousness would dwell therein without fear of dirtying his robes. In the evening, through an interpreter, he addressed the Chinese, and it is possible that he will repeat his lecture next Sunday, perhaps in the City Hall.

A Canadian correspondent sends the following advertisement, which appeared in the *Toronto Daily Star* on Nov. 13:—"Two first-class carpenters wanted, no other need apply; no English need apply.—J. J. Thomas, 86, Richmond-street East." The British reader, who hears so much about the patriotism of Canada, can only ask, "What does this mean?" The contributor writes that the advertisement is merely a sample, which proves that Englishmen are no favorites in the Dominion, but perhaps it is not a fair sample. "Richmond-street," he says, "is in Toronto, and the people of Toronto pride themselves on being intensely British. I am English, have been here over six years and have discovered that Italians and Chinese are preferred."

Mr. Francis Oats, chairman of De Beers, presiding at the annual meeting, said that De Beers were always ready to take native labour and that the importation of Chinese to the Rand had been no injustice to the natives. As there were eight or ten natives to one white south of the Zambesi European labour was impracticable. He was sure if Mr. Rhodes had been alive he would have set his back to the wall against the *modus vivendi* with Portugal. In Cape Colony the company did not object to paying their fair share of taxation, but they objected to being singled out for a tax on diamonds which he stigmatized as immoral. He was severe on the system by which income-tax had to be paid twice over, in the colony and again in England. The company spent nearly £2,000,000 a year in Cape Colony. The profit for the year is £1,865,335. The highest value per carat of the five mines was Dutoitspan, 68s., and the lowest the Bultfontein, 34s.

MARRIAGE AT THE PEAK CHURCH.

On Saturday morning at the Peak Church, Mr. W. L. Carter, the local manager of the China and Japan Electric and Telephone Co. was married to Miss Maude Louise Harlow, who had arrived from England the previous day. As the bride party took their places at the altar, which was tastefully adorned with palms for the occasion, the congregation sang "The Voice that breathed our Eden," Mr. E. J. Chapman playing the accompaniment. The Rev. F. T. Johnson was the officiating clergyman; Dr. Stedman gave the bride away, and the little sons of Dr. and Mrs. Stedman were in attendance upon the bride. Mr. F. Graham, an old school-fellow of the bridegroom, acted as best man. As the bride party left the church at the conclusion of the ceremony the "Wedding March" was played. The reception was held at "Formosa," the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Stedman, where the friends of the happy couple tendered their good wishes in the usual way. Dr. Stedman proposing the toast. Shortly afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Carter left in a shower of rice to catch the boat for Macao, where the honeymoon is being spent.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—On the 6th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer is inclined to fall on the China coast. Pressure remains highest over N. China, and gradients are slight to moderate. Frost to strong monsoon may be expected in the Pormosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Moderate N.E. winds; cloudy, probably some rain.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE.

London, January 4.

There is renewed apprehension on the eve of the Morocco conference. The Spanish and Italian press are most pessimistic, and the latter is remarkable for a distinct note of hostility to Germany; even the Berlin press, in spite of official assurances, shows uneasiness owing to rumours of German military preparations.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE.

London, January 4.

A remarkable semi-official statement has been issued in Washington, to the effect that the United States, in virtue of having wiped out piracy, and of having concluded the first treaty with the Barbary States, has a right, superior to any European State, in deciding critical questions at the Morocco conference.

THE AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

London, January 4.

Mr. Alexander Orr has been elected President of the New York Life Insurance Co. in succession to Mr. McCall, resigned. Both of the McCurdys have resigned the trusteeship of the New York Mutual Insurance Co.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL SERVICE.

London, January 4.

The Royal Mail Co. has entered into an agreement with the Orient Line for the joint working of the Australian Service, which will henceforth be known as the Orient Royal Service.

THE REPATRIATED JAPANESE PRISONERS.

London, January 5.

The *Vancouver*, with 936 repatriated Japanese prisoners of war, has passed Port Said.

ADMIRAL ROZHDESTVENSKY ON THE BATTLE OF TSUSHIMA.

London, January 5.

Admiral Rozhdestvensky in his communication to the *Norve Fremde* explains that the permission to publish the letter did not imply that the Ministers agreed with the views expressed therein, especially as permission was given without the letter having been censored. The allusion to Great Britain was Admiral Rozhdestvensky's own private opinion.

RUSSIA.

London, January 5.

Russian notices continue to report serious trouble in different parts of the Empire, showing that the revolution is in nowise wholly repressed.

THE UNITED STATES CURRENCY.

London, January 5.

Mr. Schiff, the well-known banker of New York, in a speech, predicts that a panic, exceeding all previous experiences, will occur, unless the currency is reformed and made more elastic. The speech has made a great impression.

BOERS AND THE "BLACK PERIL."

Sir Arthur Lawley takes advantage of his removal to a sphere of official toil in Asia, to give frank utterance to what, in his opinion, constitutes the gravest of all dangers in South Africa. It is the growing possibility of an armed conflict between whites and blacks extending over all the colonies from the Cape to the Zambesi. "See to this question," he urges on the dominant race, "for it is the greatest problem you have to face." That is the plain truth expressed by one who has never been an alarmist, and whose sources of information are not open to question. We only hope that the warning will be taken to heart by those of the Boer leaders who conceive it to be a patriotic obligation to do all in their power to perpetuate anti-British hatred among their followers. There are some of them who should remember how very nearly the fierce Zulus wiped out their sparse nationality, and how they then shouted for English military protection, even at the cost of their own independence. With that page of history still unturned, even the dullest should recognize the expediency of promoting white consolidation, before the natives' conflict in their immensely superior numbers and encouraged by the antagonism between the European races, attempt armed revolt. It would be suppressed, no doubt, but before that happened there would be few Boer farming families left to deplore their perversity in ignoring Sir Arthur Lawley's valdictory counsel.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. str. *Caledonian*, with the next French mail, left Saigon on Saturday, the 6th inst., at 3 p.m. for this port.
The O.S. & C.M. str. *Antenor* left Singapore on the 4th inst., p.m., and is due here to-morrow.
The str. *Zefiro* left Manila for Hongkong via Amoy on Friday, the 5th inst., and is due here on or about to-morrow at daylight.
The C.P.R. str. *Athenia* arrived at Nagasaki at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 6th Jan., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 9 a.m. to-day.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

January 5.

CHINESE STRATEGICAL BUREAU.
The inauguration of the new Government department on the premises formerly occupied by the governor, and now called the Kwang-tung military yamen, took place on the 3rd instant and was attended by many high civil and military officials. The object of this department is to study all questions connected with military affairs. It undertakes the establishment of fortifications, recruiting, army organisation, transportation, commissariat, etc., so as to bring military affairs to a modern standard.

THE OFFICIAL POINT OF VIEW.
Chung-chi, who was appointed to the post of sub-prefect of Linchow, has petitioned the Viceroy to cancel his nomination, as he is too ill to start for his sub-prefecture. It is reported that the Viceroy has granted his request. The general belief, however, is that Chung was afraid of taking up the appointment at this juncture, as the indemnity has not been paid over yet. There is every likelihood that the local official will be instructed to raise the necessary funds and Chung has deemed it prudent to leave the task to somebody else.

SUGGESTIVE VICEROYAL ORDERS.
It will be remembered that on November 23 a tragedy was enacted in the military college at Whampoa whereby a Japanese military surgeon was shot by one of his countrymen. The murderer was subsequently arrested by Colonel Yang on board the *Macao* steamer and sent to Japan for trial. The Viceroy, referring to this matter, praised Colonel Yang's prompt action, and remarked that had the same promptitude been displayed in the case of the murder of Ho Tso-yin the affair would not have been settled by a more insignificant fine. The Viceroy now instructs all the responsible officials to be more diligent in the future and that should any European commit a crime in the interior, no matter whether the victim is European or Chinese, the culprit should be arrested at once and vigilantly guarded. No torture of any description whatever will be applied to such prisoners. The matter will be reported to the nearest treaty-port Consul and to the Viceroy, so that joint investigation into the matter may be made at once. The officials are instructed to act with prudence, so as to avoid wrongful arrests. Should the offender take refuge on board a foreign vessel the Captain must be appealed to to surrender the prisoner; no brave shall be dispatched on board. If the culprit is in hiding in a foreign Consession, the Consul must be appealed to to obtain the man's arrest.

January 6.

MARKET FOR CANTON.

It is reported that a Chinese merchant has applied for permission to build a modern market similar to those in existence in Hongkong, near the Kua Yam bridge in the western suburb of Canton. The building is expected to cost about \$100,000. It is thought that the scheme will be a successful one and that it is bound to be remunerative.

TO IMPROVE THE PAPER INDUSTRY.
I reported some time ago that Viceroy Shun had telegraphed to America instructing a student, Chan Kam-To, who has just graduated in that country, to return to Canton. The student was subsequently told to come back via Germany, the Viceroy wishing him to study the paper manufacturing process in Germany so as to improve the local industry. Chan is expected to be here in the beginning of the Chinese year. The paper business here is entirely in the hands of the Germans and it is very doubtful if German paper manufacturers will supply information that is likely to be of any use to the Chinese. Italy also supplies certain qualities of paper to China. Most foreigners are ignorant of the fact that the red paper so commonly used in China for cards and other purposes is imported from Europe and stained its vermilion colour in China. Those two countries are certainly not going to offer China the knife that is to cut their own throats. The Japanese have given the Germans the opportunity of learning the danger of showing too much to this class of visitor.

TRIAL GALLOPS.

The following report of Saturday morning's trial gallops at Happy Valley is contributed:—As they appeared on the course on Saturday morning, it was hard to realise that such smart-looking ponies were the raw griffins which arrived from Shanghai not longer than a month ago. Mr. Gog's training has had beneficial results, and judging by the trials the forthcoming races, from the point of view of the sportsman, promise to be as successful as heretofore.

Quite a number of ladies visited the course on Saturday morning, when the following times were recorded:—

Hongkong Bank's black-and-chestnut sub., 1 m., 35, 1.11, 1.47.
Donabes's blk. and Meior's Handsome, 1 m., 38, 1.15, 1.54 2/5, 2.30.
Hough's and Showan's subs., 1 mile, 32, 1.10.
H. Humphreys' sub., 1 mile, 37 3/5, 1.12.
H.E. The Governor's white and dun, 3 m., 37, 1.16, 1.51.
Ellis Kadoorie's, 1 m., 40, 1.20, 2.00, 2.35.
Moxon's sub., 1 m., 1.42.
Mody's Black Cherry, 1 m., let. gr. (f.), joined by Dr. Jordan's sub., 1 m., 37 2/5, 1.15, 1.48 3/5.
Mr. Griffith's sub., and Barza's, 1 m., 30, 1.18, 1.58 2/5.
Mikosh and Gresson's sub., 1 m., 35, 1.12, 1.50, 2.25 2/5.
Alarm and Highland Star (sub.), 1 1/4 m., steady canter, 40, 1.38, 2.18 2/5, 3.00, 3.44, 4.13, 2/5.

NOTICE.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersecretary has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on **TUESDAY**, the 9th January, 1906, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, SUNDARY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CARPETS, RUGS, &c. BLACKWOOD TABLES, STAND and WAITING TABLE, CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATE WARE, One BRASS BED-STEAD, &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE—As Customary.
V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1906. 168

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By an ORDER of the SUPREME COURT of HONGKONG.

MESSEURS. HUGHES & HOUGH have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

On **WEDNESDAY**, the 17th day of January, 1906, at 12 Noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, (Corner of Ice House Street), THE FOLLOWING:

THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

situated at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, viz:—

All that piece or parcel of ground situated at Victoria, aforesaid, and intended to be registered in the Land Office as Section "A" of Inland Lot No. 178, containing by superficial measurement 870 square feet or thereabouts and having a frontage to Peel Street of 19 feet 7 inches and a depth of 45 feet. On this Section stands the house and premises known as No. 19, PEEB STREET. All the said premises are held for 99 years by a Crown Lease and Indenture of Extension of Lease dated the 11th day of October, 1844, and the 1st day of July, 1862, respectively.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, apply to

OTTO KONG SING, Solicitor for the Plaintiff; or to

Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1906. 169

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

Captain A. J. Robinson will be despatched for the above Port **TOMORROW**, the 9th inst., at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAURIE & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1906. 170

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"SUMATRA."

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at THEIR RISK in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out, Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optimal goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 12th January at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1906. 171

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

SUBSCRIBERS TO ST. GEORGE'S BALL are requested to forward their Subscriptions to the undersigned not later than the 15th inst.

W. C. D. TURNER, Hon. Treasurer.

Care of H. & S. BANK.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1906. 152

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE 1906 RACE MEETING will be held on **MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY**, and **TWO FOLLOWING DAYS**, not on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd March, as previously arranged for. Entries will close on **SATURDAY, 20th JANUARY** next.

In all other respects the programme as issued will stand.

By Order,

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1906. 147.

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[BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.]
PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY. Known as "THE METROPOLITAN HOTEL," to be sold by **PUBLIC AUCTION**, On **THURSDAY**, the 11th day of January, 1906, at 3 P.M., at his Sales Room, by **MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT,** Auctioneer.

BEING all that piece or parcel of ground situated at Shaukiwan Road, Victoria, Hongkong, containing an area of 207,500 square feet and known and registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 1705. The said premises are held for the term of 99 years granted by a Crown Lease dated the 1st day of February, 1904, subject to the payment of the Annual Crown Rent of \$478 and to the performance of the Lessee's covenants in the said Crown Lease reserved and contained.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to

F. X. D'ALMADA & CASTRO, Vendor's Solicitor, or to

MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1905. 111

[BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSEURS. HUGHES & HOUGH have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

On **MONDAY**, the 15th day of January, 1906, at 3 P.M., at their Sales Rooms, the following

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY situated at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, viz:—

ALL THAT piece or parcel of ground situated at Victoria, aforesaid, and registered in the Land Office as SECTION "A" of MARINE LOT No. 104, containing by superficial measurement 2,800 square feet and having a frontage to Queen's Road Central of 30 feet and 6 inches or thereabouts and a depth of 80 feet. On this Section stand the very valuable house and premises known as No. 35 Queen's Road Central. All the said premises are held for the residue of a term of 99 years granted by a Crown Lease of MARINE LOT No. 104 and which Lease is dated 16th April, 1853.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors for the Mortgagee, or to

Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1906. 126

INTIMATIONS.

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

DIE amtlichen Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlich Deutschen Konsulats zu Canton werden während des Jahres 1906 durch den "OBERSTÄDTISCHEN LESEN" und die "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" erfolgen.

Canton, den 31. December 1905.

KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.

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"THE NEW BOY," A FARCE IN THREE ACTS, By **ARTHUR LAW,** will be produced on

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M. S. NORTHCOLE, Business Manager.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1906. 148

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68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Hongkong. 21st September, 1903. 2355

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1905. 2844

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1905. 1567

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Hongkong, 27th June, 1905. 43

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

MRS. GILL ANDERS

"GLENWOOD," 27, Caine Road.

Hongkong, 20th September 1905. 2166

NOTICES OF FIRMS

MR. CHATER PAUL CHATER was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st inst. **VERNON & SMYTH.** Hongkong, 3rd January, 1906. 132

NOTICE.

WE beg to give Notice that we will RESUME BUSINESS at No. 29 & 31, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL on the 10th January.

CHEONG LEE & Co. Furniture Dealers.

Hongkong, 1st January 1906. 127

NOTICE.

WHILE continuing to direct the Eastern Agency of Messrs. WILKINSON, HEYWOOD & CLARK, LD., I have, with their consent, established myself at Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, as a COMMISSION AGENT and GENERAL IMPORTER under the name of DOUGLAS GRAHAM.

W. D. GRAHAM, Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1905. 1287

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

I HAVE this day APPOINTED Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. GENERAL MANAGERS for Hongkong for the above Society, in the place of Mr. F. KLENE, whose engagement has been terminated.

J. T. HAMILTON, General Manager for the East.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1905. 92

OCEAN ACCIDENT AND GUARANTEE CORPORATION, LTD.

I HAVE this day APPOINTED Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. AGENTS for the above Corporation, in place of Mr. F. KLENE, whose engagement has been terminated.

J. T. HAMILTON, Manager for the East.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1905. 93

REMOVAL.

WE have this day REMOVED our office to KING'S BUILDINGS (3rd Floor, West Side).

MACDONALD & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1906. 121

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Office of Mr. A. R. MARTY has this day been REMOVED to No. 14, DES VOEUX ROAD, opposite Messrs. W. POWELL & Co.'s premises, entrance from side-lane.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1906. 122

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, 58, George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on **SATURDAY, 20th JANUARY, 1906, at 11 A.M.**, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1905, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on **WEDNESDAY, 17th January, until SATURDAY, 20th January, 1906, 6th days inclusive.**

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1906. 164

INSURANCES

L'UNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks against Fire at current rates.

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1906. 29

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SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1906. 155

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I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £3,000,000

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, 2,750,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 687,500 0 0

II. FIRE FUNDS, 3,061,233 12 9

The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th June, 1905. 1567

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LA-CHAPELLE.

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REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. 113

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Apply to—**THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.,** Hongkong, 2nd December, 1905. 77

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SPACIOUS GODOWN. Central position.

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POSSESSION from 1st February, 1906, No. 8, MOSQUE JUNCTION, a Four-Roomed House known as DORABJE'S GARDENS, commanding a Fine View of the whole Harbour.

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